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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE IN FAVOR OF CONTINUED EXAMINATION TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF A SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R § 1.313(c)(2), Applicant hereby petitions the Office that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue for the purpose of continued examination to permit consideration of a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97. A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith. This application was allowed on September 10, 2002, and the issue fee was paid December 10, 2002.

Applicant requests that the Office grant this Petition and consider the Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrent with this petition.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$880, of which \$130 is the petition fee and \$750 is the fee for filing the Request for Continued Examination, to Deposit Account No. 50-1266. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1266. A copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Request for Continued Examination (+ copy)
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